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THE LADDER OF LIFE IS FULL OF SPLINTERS, BUT THEY ALWAYS PRICK THE HARDEST WHEN WE'RE SLIDING DOWN.—Brownell

# The BETHEL OXFORD COUNTY CITIZEN

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## Secret Service Warn of Check Theft, Forgery

Check thieves and check forgers will do their Christmas shopping with stolen and forged checks if particularly careful, according to Frank J. Wilson, Chief of the U. S. Secret Service, Treasury Department. "The government mails out nearly one million checks every day," says Chief Wilson, "and about eight million go each month to dependents of men in the armed forces. Check thieves steal as many as they can from mail and porch mail boxes. Then they forge the endorsements and victimize retailers who are so anxious to make sales that they fail to consider the losses they may suffer through carelessness."

The Secret Service offers some simple precautions to help fight the forgery racket. If you receive checks by mail, be at home or have a member of your family at home to receive the checks when they are due. Then they can't be stolen from your mail box.

If you are a retailer or cashier, don't cash checks for strangers without proper identification. Know Your Endorser! Before cashing any check, ask yourself this question: "If this check is returned as a forgery, can I locate the forger and recover my loss?"

"Christmas is not a holiday for the check forger," Chief Wilson said. "He's on the job every minute, always looking for merchants he can fool. The only way to beat him is to beat him to the punch. KNOW YOUR ENDORSERS—REQUIRE IDENTIFICATION!"

## THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

I was just squinting at a picture from London—folks were putting on a street demonstration around the Govt. buildings. They wanted something done about unemployment on account of the war work in the factories tapering off. That is a tip for us here, where wages and overtime have been enough to feather everybody's bed, if he chose to do so versus putting it into a dollar hoard and coveting it.

Extra fur coats, and gold watch chains, and diamond bracelets are okay maybe, if you happen to like such, or think you need something to improve your looks or appeal or whatever it is that is the motivational power that causes some folks to crave same. But when war jobs taper, you will find more trade in value with a war bond than a set of gold earrings or an empty gift bottle.

Anybody who has bought and then cashed in his war bond can take heed of this London picture. And while there are jobs galore now—for man or woman—it is time to put more of the bulging paycheck into these new bonds just coming out. Sell away some of your for a rainy day—somebody else will be independent—have that grand feeling.

Yours with the low down,  
 JO SERRA

Grade	Sav. Bank	Total	P	C
I	\$14.00	\$5.55	76	
II	8.00	4.55	74	
III	8.00	3.25	69	
IV	10.00	5.50	62	
V	\$0.00	\$18.85		
VI	\$7.00	\$4.35	57	
VII	7.00	4.10	56	
VIII	3.00	4.00	55	
	4.00	3.00	52	
	\$21.00	\$16.40		

First and Seventh grades have banners.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their assistance and comfort to us during our recent bereavement.

Mrs. Ella Grover and family  
 Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Grover and family  
 Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Grover and family  
 Mr. and Mrs. D. Dewey Thayer and family  
 Mr. and Mrs. Rupert H. Grover and family  
 Howard A. Grover  
 A. C. Ernest R. Grover

### UPTON

Mrs. C. A. Juddkins, Correspondent  
 Raymond Bernier has gone to Boston to live with his sister, Mrs. Muriel Lugatch. She and her sister, Doris Bernier, came to get him one day last week, remaining overnight with Mrs. Roland Bernier.

Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Hinkley and family were Sunday guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hinkley, Hanksley.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Abbott and daughter, Susan, were Sunday guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Juddkins. They left Susan here for a week.

### WEST PARIS

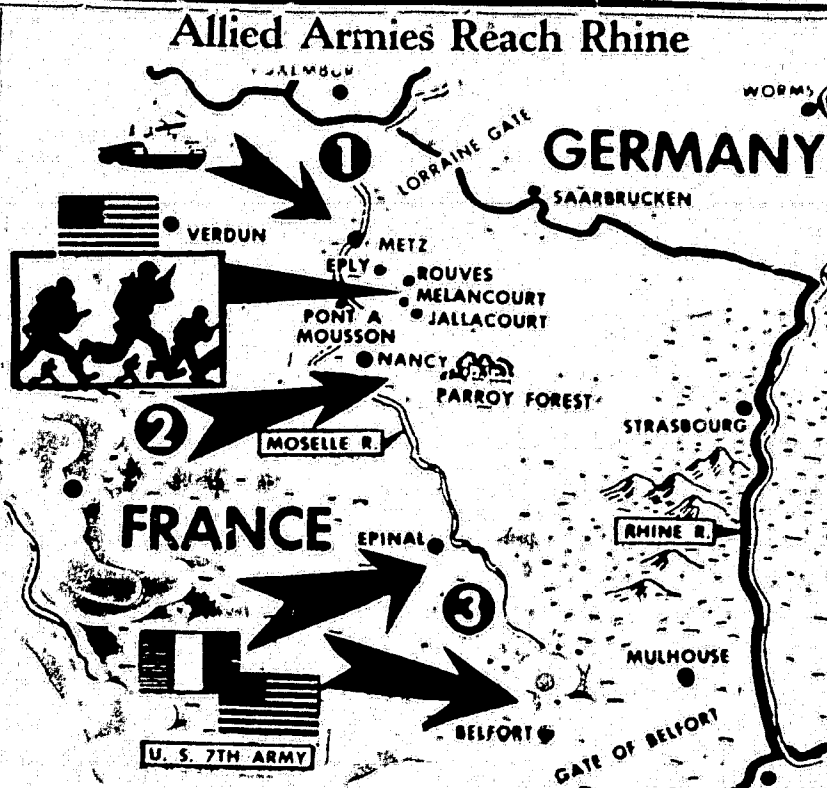
Mrs. Geneva Tuell, Correspondent  
 The Bates Literary Club will be entertained Friday afternoon by Mrs. Felix Mayblom. The roll call will be answered by Christmas quotations.

Miss Phyllis Plavin was at home from Farmington Normal School a few days last week.

The Baptist Women's Auxiliary met Friday at the home of Mrs. John Hogg.

Harry Emery is making good recovery since his return from St. Marie's Hospital.

Harry Patch is again on the street after an illness at the C. M. G. Hospital, Lewiston.



NEW YORK—(Soundphoto)—Faced by the greatest concentration of air power used on the front since the breakthrough at St. Lo in Normandy, Allies are smashing into Germany's rich Saar and Ruhr areas. The sprawling Metz fortifications (1) were partly bypassed. At southeastern end of Metz (2) a flanking movement beyond Nancy put the German forces there in a dangerous position. Below the Third Army zone, Gen. Patch's Seventh Army (3) moved into Germany through the Belfort gap sector.

### DIVORCES GRANTED

Thirty-five divorces were granted by Justice Robert A. Coney, at the Oxford County term of Superior Court, at South Paris, as follows:

Ruby A. Elliott, Norway, from Wilmer E. Elliott, Norway; cause, intoxication. Minor children decreed to the mother.

Harriet N. Carlton, of Dixfield, from Richard O. Carlton, Dixfield; cruel and abusive treatment. Minor children decreed to the mother.

Ray H. Kneeland, Sweden, from Zilpha A. Kneeland, Sweden; cruel and abusive treatment.

Gugene L. Smith, Lovell, from Cora Smith, Lovell; utter desertion.

Alfred M. Scribner, Oxford, from Kathleen P. Scribner, Waterford; cruel and abusive treatment.

R. Thelma Fowler, of Stow, from Warren B. Fowler, Portland; intoxication. Custody of minor child decreed to the mother.

Luella B. Andrews, Auburn, from Roland D. Andrews, of Paris; non-support. Minor children, decreed to the mother.

Arlene M. Farr, Paris; cruel and abusive treatment. Minor children decreed to the mother.

Archie H. Stearns, Stoneham, from Ruth M. Stearns, residence unknown; utter desertion.

Josephine M. Washburn, Buckfield, from Harlan P. Washburn, Buckfield; cruel and abusive treatment. Minor children, decreed to the mother.

Theresa Jamison, of Fayette, from Arthur Leslie Jamison, of Fayette; cruel and abusive treatment.

Clarice Preble Thornton, Paris, from Leo M. Thornton, Burlington; cruel and abusive treatment. Care and custody of minor children, decreed to the mother.

Sylvia M. Huotari, of Paris, from Carl A. Huotari, Paris; cruel and abusive treatment. Care and custody of daughter decreed to the mother.

Nora P. Hobson, Lovell, from William E. Hobson, Lovell; cruel and abusive treatment. Custody of daughter decreed to the mother.

Robert W. Kirk, of Greenwood, from Robert W. Kirk, of S. Army, Hartford, Conn.; cruel and abusive treatment. Minor children decreed to the mother.

Doris I. Gaddard, Mexico, from Chester H. Gaddard, Mexico; cruel and abusive treatment.

Mabel Porter, Rumford, from Charles A. Porter, Dixfield; cruel and abusive treatment.

Walter Edwin Chase, Dixfield, from Phoebe M. Chase, Mexico; utter desertion.

Rose Brunelle, Rumford, from Joseph E. Brunelle, South Portland; cruel and abusive treatment.

Osborne B. Burgess, Sanford; cruel and abusive treatment. Custody of minor children, Clara, Paul and Ruth, decreed to the mother.

Helen D. Niemi, Norway, from Arvo Niemi, Norway; intoxication.

Edwin J. Mann, Paris, from Scottie L. Mann, Norway; cruel and abusive treatment.

Margaret M. Bennett, of Paris, from Richard Harris Bennett, of Calais; non-support. Custody of minor child decreed to the mother.

Marcelle B. Gardner, Lovell, from Gerald F. Gardner, Waterford; cruel and abusive treatment.

Rodolph B. Walker, Oxford, from Katie Walker, Auburn; cruel and abusive treatment.

Lillian M. Anderson, Norway, from W. Elliott Anderson, South Portland; cruel and abusive treatment. Custody of minor children decreed to the mother.

Myrtle B. Hatfield, Oxford, from Roland L. Hatfield, Oxford; non-support. Minor children decreed to the mother.

Sherwood L. Dudley, South Paris, from Pauline A. Dudley, Oxford; cruel and abusive treatment.

Ethel E. Childs, Bethel, from Donald D. Childs, Bethel; adultery. Custody of minor child, decreed to the mother.

Orrie Bachelder, Bethel, from Pearl Bachelder, Bethel; adultery. Custody of minor child decreed to Mrs. Robt. Smith.

Heather Merrill, Dixfield, from one Merrill, Dixfield; non-support. Care and custody of minor children decreed to the mother.

Josephine E. Estes, Fryeburg, from Eugene H. A. Estes, Baldwin, utter desertion.

Frank Minard Richards, Mexico, from Florenca Marquerite Richards, Mexico; cruel and abusive treatment.



Lt. Allan Stephen Chase, who has been home on a short leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alden Chase of Bryant Pond returned to Mexico, Ga.

Pvt. Otto Evans, Fort Knox, Kentucky visited relatives and friends here while on furlough recently.

Donald Brown, U. S. Paratroop Corps from Fort Benning, Ga., is spending a short furlough with relatives and friends at Bryant Pond.

Christine Onofre who is somewhere in England has been promoted to Sergeant.

Pfc Ernest Grover is at home from Colorado, where he is training as a pilot in the Army Air Forces. He was called here by the death of his father.

Pvt. William Tibbitts of Fort Stett, Oklahoma has been spending a 12 day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Louise Tibbitts, at Glad, on Thursday he left for his new post at Jackson, S. C.

Donald R. Stanley has been transferred from Sampson, N. Y., to San Diego, California. He will attend a fire control maintenance school. His new address will be Donald R. Stanley, S. 2, 950625, DTICN, San Diego, Calif.

Pfc Fred Homer Tibbitts came Tuesday for a 21 day furlough with his mother, Mrs. Louise Tibbitts, at Glad, on Thursday he left for his new post at Jackson, S. C.

Pvt. Robert Annis left this morning for Camp Mackall, N. C., after spending a 10 day furlough at his home.

Word has been received that Pvt. William Bann has arrived at an overseas station in the European area.

Sgt. and Mrs. Kenneth Brooks left this morning for Stuttgart, Arkansas after spending a furlough with relatives here in Bethel.

Mrs. Susie Lovjoy of Locke Mills has been promoted to Seaman 1st Class. She is stationed at New York City.

Richard Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jordan of Locke Mills, is home from Macon, Ga., on a 15 day furlough.

### BIRTHDAY PARTY

Glenyce Berry was given a party in honor of her sixth birthday by her sister, Helen, Sunday afternoon, a birthday party was followed by supper at Mrs. Dyke's. A birthday cake was made by Mrs. Dyke. Those present were Glenyce, Sylvia and Alan Dyke, Judy, Mark, Gerald and Lorenda Freeman, Ralph Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Freeman and Mrs. Dyke. Glenyce received several gifts.

### RUMFORD BUS CRASHES TREE

The Maine Central Rumford bus crashed into a tree last Thursday night near Sunday River. The driver, Francis Boudou of Rumford, and two passengers, Margaret Parlee of Rumford and Emma LeRoux of Berlin, were treated by Dr. Hoynton and taken to the Rumford Hospital.

### ELI GROVER

Eli Grover passed away at his home in Mason Friday after a long period of failing health.

He was born in Bethel, June 23, 1878, the son of Samuel O. and Sarah Wheeler Grover. He was married to Alice Ella Grover of Sumner in 1913 and was always engaged in farming.

Besides his wife he leaves eleven children: Paul of Detroit, Mich.; Walter of Bethel; Vera, wife of Dorey Thayer of South Paris; Rupert of Mason; Howard of Portland; Ernest of Colorado; Robert, Ralph, Stanley, Margaret and Richard of Mason; several grandchildren; and a brother, Roy, of Gorham, Maine.

Funeral services were held at the Pleasant Funeral home Monday, Nov. 27, 1944, officiating, Burial was in the Mason cemetery.

Custody of children, decreed to the father.

Bernice M. Church, Rumford, from Walter L. Church, Newry; cruel and abusive treatment.

### G A MEETS GORHAM FRIDAY

Friday night Gould Academy will open its 1944-45 season meeting GORHAM, N. H. at the Field House in a double header. The second teams will "square off" at 7 o'clock with the varsity teams following about eight. The visitors will come with a team that has already played one game at Bethel and Gorham met on Wednesday of this week.

Little is known concerning the strength of the visitors but a real battle is anticipated as GORHAM-Gould games are very often apt to be. Coach Anderson will not pick a starting lineup until game time as the players at least ten boys still in line for a starting position. The forwards will be picked from GORHAM, Stone, Norwood and Lawry.

The only letter man on the squad, Archie Young, will probably start at one guard post, with Emery, K. Allen, and W. Allen backing for the other. Lyon or Stowell will start at center.

### PARENT-TEACHER MEETING MONDAY EVENING

It is urgently desired that all members and friends of the Bethel P. T. A. will make a special effort to attend our meetings this year. Many things may be accomplished with your cooperation.

As a great many of our pupils are from North, East, South and West Bethel, Northwest Bethel, Sunday River, Middle Intervale, Albany, Massena and Greenwood, the fathers and mothers of these children are cordially invited to attend and take an active part in our meetings.

As last year, the Hot Lunch Project is well under way and plans are being made to serve these lunches after the Christmas recess. Mrs. Frances Ireland, Mrs. Elsie Davis, and Mrs. Mary Chadbourne have kindly consented to continue serving on this committee.

At our meeting on next Monday evening, Woodrow F. Ireland will speak on the lower end of Educational Development as it affects our Grammar School pupils. These tests have been given to Freshman classes this year and all will be interested in hearing about them.

There will also be vocal solos by Miss Madeline Hincley of the Gould faculty and piano solos by Francis Benn.

### BETHEL LOCAL NEWS

Clyde Mills and family moved to West Bethel Monday.

Mrs. J. B. Chapman is a patient at the C. M. G. Hospital, Lewiston.

Mrs. Jean and Grover Brooks were business visitors in Portland Wednesday.

The Library will close at eight o'clock Saturday evenings during the winter months.

Edwin Lorr and friend of West-brook were Sunday guests of his aunt, Mrs. C. P. Saunders.

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Roy Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morgan last Friday for Ormond Beach, Fla., where they have employment.

Mrs. Lena Wright is visiting her son, William Wright, and family at his home in New York City.

Mr. Rodney Baxter and daughter went to Mechanic Falls Saturday where they will visit for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert R. Rowe and daughter, Margery, of Gardiner spent the week and with relatives here.

The extension of Tyler Street to Vernon Street has been completed for this fall and will be surfaced in the spring.

Mrs. Jennie Littlehale went to Portland Sunday to spend the winter with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Littlehale.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Saunders and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bennett are attending the Maine State Grange session at Bangor this week.

Repair work has been completed for this fall on the larger Corporation building, providing storage space for fire fighting equipment.

Mr. and Mrs. Borden Foster, who have been visiting her aunt, Mrs. True Evans, returned recently to New Jersey where he is located for a short time before going overseas.

Those from Bethel attending the zone meeting of the Lions Club at the Dorset Hotel, Lewiston, Tuesday evening were O. A. Pratt, Mr. Bennett, G. L. Thurston, Elmer Bennett, William Chapman, Eugene Van and Dr. E. L. Brown.

Mrs. Howard J. McFadden (Kathryn Herrick) has arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Herrick, to remain until Friday when she will join her husband, who is in training in Rhode Island. Mrs. McFadden came home by air from Cairo, Egypt.

Sunset Rebekah Lodge held their regular meeting Monday evening. Christmas gifts were packed for the Red Cross. A Christmas party is planned. Committee for this is Mrs. Walter Jodry and Mrs. Warren Heath. Each member is to bring in inexpensive gift for the tree.

### BROWN-BRAGG

There was a quiet wedding at the home of Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes, who performed the ceremony when Miss Helen Bragg and Stanley Allen Brown both of Hartford were united in marriage. The double ring service was used.

They were attended by Mrs. Helen Bragg, mother of the bride; Mrs. Jennie R. Brown and Frank Brown, mother and brother of the groom.

Mrs. Brown is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bragg and Mr. Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brown. They were educated in the Canton and Hartford schools.

Leave GIFT BOXES for Hospitalized Servicemen and Women at Bryant's, A & P or Burns' stores. Write on outside wrapper whether box is for a man or woman. These will be distributed in hospitals by the American Legion and Auxiliary.



## GERMAN GOVERNMENT REPORTS DEATH OF LT. LAWRENCE PERRY

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Perry of West Bethel received the following telegram from the German Government on Dec. 4, "Report now received from the German Government through the International Red Cross states your son, First Lieutenant Lawrence B. Perry who was previously reported missing in action was killed in action on six June over France."

Lt. Perry was born at Bethel, Nov. 3, 1919, received his education in the schools of W. Bethel and Gould Academy, graduating in the class of 1937.

He was employed in the A & P Store, Lord's Garage and Bryant's Market at Bethel until his enlistment in the Army Air Corps on Oct. 3, 1941, going to Keesler Field, Mississippi, and training at Air Corps Technical School from which he received his diploma as an airplane mechanic on April 2, 1942.

After spending a furlough at home he returned to MacDill Field, Fla., remaining there until he received his appointment as an Aviation Cadet on Aug. 28, 1942. He commenced training at Nashville, Tenn., going to Maxwell Field, Ala., M. I. A., Jackson, Miss., and Courtland, Ala. He was graduated at Craig Field, Selma, Ala., on May 28, 1943, receiving the commission of Second Lieutenant and the coveted "Wings."

He also received advanced training at Richmond, Va., Washington, D. C., and Millville, N. J., after which he spent a brief leave with his parents in October 1943, and went overseas to a Fighting Plane Base in England in November.

In March 1944 he was promoted to First Lieutenant. He was reported missing in action on June 6. He is survived by his parents and one brother, Robert E., who is a Soundman 2nd class in the U. S. Navy serving in the Pacific.

### BETHEL GRAMMAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORD

Perfect attendance record for Bethel Grammar School for six weeks ending December 1, 1944.

Grade 8: Donald Bennett, Norma Cross, Gail Curtis, Donald Lord, Earl McAllister, Rodney McAllister, Connelia Merrill, Catherine Stevens, Alan Weymouth, Raymond York, Lois Ann VanDenKerkhof.

Grade 7: Jane Bean, Laura Bell-Bennett, David Buck, Elizabeth Davis, Constance Joyes, David Durgin, Stanley Grover, David Kneeland, Liddell Maxim, Caroline Olson, Grace Taylor, Richard Varney, Doris Wernemchuk.

Grade 6: Laurice Lord, Rogers Pratt, Charlotte Stevens, Wayne Bennett, Mary Hastings, Gary Melville, Chester Osgood, Francis Osgood, Nancy VanDenKerkhof, Ruth Donahue, Carol Lutton, Davene Marble, Laura Wilson, Kenneth Planders.

Grade 5: Alfredda Bartlett, Harold Bartlett, Sally Brown, Laurita Kittredge, Clifford Larson, Albert McAllister, Alia Merrill, Walter Osgood, Mary Stevens, Albert Taylor, Barbara Wilson.

Absent only because buses did not run.

Grade 8: Edwin Rumpus, John Rumpus, Muriel Lapham.

Grade 7: Shirley Andrews.

Grade 6: Ronald Estes, Ida Bird.

Grade 5: Gerald Harrington.

Total sale of War Stamps in Bethel Grammar School since September, \$382.65.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our many friends and relatives for the help and kindnesses shown us during our recent bereavement. Also for the many expressions of sympathy we have received.

Mrs. Grace Swan  
 Mrs. Joyce Swan  
 Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Conroy

Harry T. Silmon of Portland is in town on business today.

In a plan which includes \$19,500,000 for Maine airports, Bethel is proposed as the location of a Class B field, \$157,000 being estimated for the local project. This is part of the national program submitted to Congress by the CAA Nov. 23.

### BASKETBALL

FRIDAY, DEC. 8  
 GOULD ACADEMY  
 VS  
 GORHAM (N. H.) HIGH

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13  
 GOULD ACADEMY  
 VS  
 BRIDGTON ACADEMY

Preliminary Games 7:00 p. m.  
 First Games 8:00 p. m.  
 Admission 35c

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## WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

# Relentless Pressure by Allies Forces Steady Nazi Retreat; Weather Slows Russian Drive

Released by Western Newspaper Union.  
(EDITOR'S NOTE: When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of Western Newspaper Union's news analysis and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

## EUROPE:

## Rhine the Prize

Stiffening Nazi resistance, plus the mud, mists and snows of a fast-approaching European winter had made the road to Berlin a bruising, bloody highway of battle. Yet with relentless pressure, Allied armies were pushing the Nazis steadily back to the Rhine on the front stretching northward from the Vosges mountains of Alsace to the river-studded stretches of Holland.

At the northern end of the front, soldiers of Lieut. Gen. William H. Simpson's U. S. Ninth army had broken into the German Roon river defense line, the best natural barrier before the Rhine. Cologne was the ultimate target of this drive.

Lieut. Gen. George H. Patton's Third army infantry meanwhile had made a new crossing into the Saar basin—second only to the Ruhr as a source of Germany's war might—capturing villages close to Saarbrücken.

On the southern flank, Nazi forces south of the Rhine-Rhone canal in Alsace were virtually wiped out with the capture of Dannemarie and several nearby villages. The Seventh U. S. Army continued to press forward in the Vosges through snow and mud, thrusting aside scattered resistance. French forces operating with this army had reported an actual crossing of the Rhine north of Strasbourg by their patrols.

The bulk of the German forces and precious mobile reserves had been deployed on the Cologne plain where many observers believed the final showdown of the war would take place. With General Eisen-



GEN. GEORGE PATTON  
Into the vital Saar basin.

hower's objective being the destruction of the German army, Allied forces had gridded themselves for the battles that would once and for all break Nazi military power.

## Eastern Front

Russian forces pushing on Budapest had been slowed down by the season's heaviest snowfall, following a severe storm. German and Hungarian troops had been occupying defense positions along a 50-mile curve from the southern limits of Budapest to the rail junction of Aard. Meanwhile Red forces had opened a new drive into Slovakia, advancing across the Beskid mountains and cutting down behind the eastern entrance to the Danube Pass to sever a highway escape route for the Germans.

## LABOR:

## Shorter Postwar Hours?

In a move to "assure jobs for all" in the postwar period, the American Federation of Labor urged Congress to pass national legislation providing for a 30-hour week.

A resolution passed by delegates attending the federation's 45th annual convention in New Orleans declared technical advances in industry "have developed means which cause workers to burn out at an early age." It urged that this wearing out be avoided by shorter hours, which also would serve to spread employment.

Other resolutions called for amendment of the national communications act, "so that freedom of speech over the air waves will be safeguarded from actual or implied government censorship," the establishment of a national federal unemployment compensation law, repeal of the Smith-Connally anti-strike law and wage and hour improvements for postoffice and other government employees.

## HIGHLIGHTS . . . in the week's news

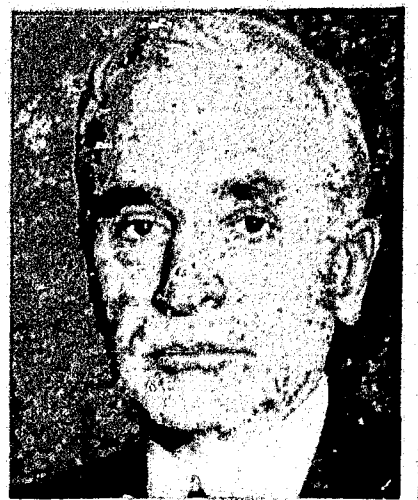
Rear Adm. John H. Cassady, assistant deputy chief of naval operations for air, predicted that in the not too distant future American carriers would be sending 2,000 planes in one strike against the Japs. "Today, 1,000-plane attacks from our carriers are not uncommon," he said. "I can foresee the day when we will be sending 1,500—yes 2,000—planes."

## STETTINIUS:

## Keeps Hull's Policies

Favorable reactions at home and abroad to President Roosevelt's appointment of Edward R. Stettinius as successor to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, made it clear that there would be no break in the continuity of the administration's postwar peace and international cooperation program.

While Secretary Hull's resignation came suddenly, it was not unexpected. Continued ill-health had prevented his active direction of the state department's operations. In accepting the 73-year-old statesman's resignation, the president projected for him the future role of elder statesman, advising on foreign policy and taking as active a part in shaping a world peace organization as his health would permit. Specifically, Hull was slated to



CORDELL HULL  
"Stet" would follow his lead.

be presiding officer of the United Nations' first peace conference.

Observers viewed the Stettinius appointment as a highly satisfactory solution. As under secretary of state, 44-year-old Stettinius was closely familiar with department procedure. He had two other prime assets. His former experience as lend-lease administrator had won him the respect and friendship of congress. His dealings with Britain and Russia had demonstrated that he could work in successful cooperation with other leaders of the United Nations. Above all, Stettinius has seen eye-to-eye with Secretary Hull on world problems and worked closely with him.

## PACIFIC:

## Air Warfare Increases

Attacks by two big fleets of B-29 Superfortresses on Tokyo's waterfront and on rail yards and repair facilities in Bangkok on the southwestern fringe of the Japanese war empire, underscored the fact that air warfare against Japan would be increased in intensity. The American planes returned to their bases in the Marianas Islands and India without combat losses.

Revised estimates of damage in the late U. S. carrier raid on Luzon in the Philippines showed 20 Japanese ships sunk, 20 damaged and 119 planes either destroyed or brought down. While heavy rains had brought ground operations on Leyte to a virtual standstill, American bombers based on the island struck at Jap targets over a wide area of the southwest Pacific, attacking airfields at Cebu and Negros.

The continued bombings of Tokyo and favorable progress elsewhere helped balance the grim news that continued to flow from China. Here the Jap armies continued their vicious operations, forcing abandonment of effective U. S. air bases on the Chinese mainland.

It is for a strengthening of Chiang Kai-shek's forces was given in the appointment of Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley to be U. S. ambassador to China. Hurley was already in China, having gone there last summer with General M. Nelson, former war production chief, to help reform the Chinese war effort.

## DRAFT TROUBLE:

## In Canada

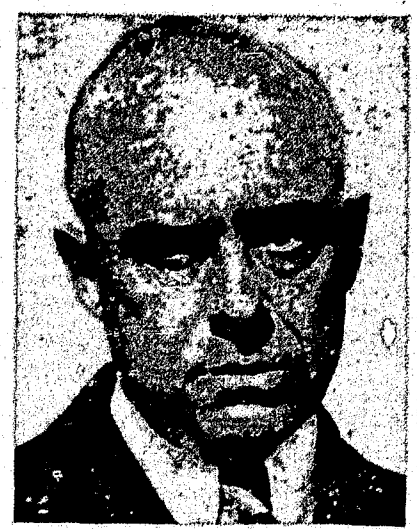
As the Canadian parliament moved toward its decision on a previous government order to conscript home defense forces for overseas duty trouble broke out among troops in the Pacific Coast area. Heavily armed, a group of troops prevented another regiment from boarding a train scheduled to take them to a new post. This trouble was quickly dealt with but other demonstrations by troops against the new ruling were reported.

## LAND:

## War Demands Big

Chester C. Davis, president of the Federal Reserve bank of St. Louis and former head of the Agricultural Adjustment administration, bluntly warned that present world needs for foodstuffs from American farms may cause permanent damage to our soil unless conservation practices are started on more farm acreage.

Speaking before the Friends of the Land in Chicago, Davis said that high pressure wartime production of



CHESTER C. DAVIS  
A blunt warning on land.

corn, wheat, oats, timber and other farm crops must be tempered by intelligent farm planning to prevent erosion. Among farm practices which he said must be encouraged are contour plowing, terracing, fertilization, subsurface tillage, growing rye and other crops after the summer grain harvests, and reforestation or farm woodlots.

"There are two ways that we can lose our land," he pointed out. "We can lose it if conquered by a foreign military power or by erosion, which steals the all-important farm topsoil and washes it down the flooded rivers."

## SHIPS:

## Build More, Sink Less

Steadily dwindling shipping losses of the Allies due to enemy action and the phenomenal merchant ship construction record of the United States were highlighted in a British government report released through the office of war information. Total losses from the war's beginning through 1943 were 6,758 vessels aggregating 22,121,000 gross tons. During this time the United States constructed about 30,000,000 deadweight tons.

While no 1944 figures on losses were disclosed, the ratio of construction to sinkings is known to be overwhelmingly favorable. Losses were severest during 1942, and 1,859 ships totaling 6,336,000 tons were sunk. These losses far outstripped American construction. The picture changed in 1943, with losses aggregating 3,040,000 tons and new construction totaling 10,230,000 tons.

## CIGARETTES:

## Worse Shortage?

Even as Pres. Eric Calamita of the National Retail Tobacco Merchants association predicted that the cigarette shortage would be worse in the next six months than in the past two, house and senate committees began investigations of the scarcity.

Chairman Flannagan of the House agriculture committee branded as "untrue propaganda" the charge that the shortage stems back to a shortage in leaf tobacco. Senator Ferguson of the senate committee said there probably are a number of explanations for the shortage, including increased consumption here and abroad. "But until we find the causes, it will be difficult to find a remedy."

Meanwhile match manufacturers were also predicting a severe shortage of their product in the coming months. Industry sources revealed that raw material supplies had been materially reduced in the past two years and thus the usual amounts of book matches would be limited.

## WAR WORKERS:

## Face Job Problem

America's chief job problem will be concerned with war workers rather than war veterans immediately after Germany's collapse, according to William Muthreich, president of the Associated General Contractors of America.

Speaking before the association's governing and advisory boards in Chicago, Muthreich said that if the war ends in two stages, with a year or more between the collapse of Germany and the defeat of Japan, "it has been estimated 2,500,000 men will be released from the armed forces during the year."

"War production is expected to be cut from 30 to 50 per cent. An estimate of the number of war workers to be thrown onto the labor market during the interval is between 4,000,000 and 5,000,000."

## HOMES:

## Britons Lose Third

One out of every three houses in Britain has been destroyed or damaged in five years of World War II, a statistical White Paper revealed. War casualties have totaled 733,700.

The White Paper disclosed that 35 per cent of all British males between the ages of 14 and 64 are in the armed forces and that nearly half of the country's women between the ages of 14 and 59 are in uniform or industry.

## Washington Digest

# U. S. Plans Simpler Aid To Business in Future

Reduction in Forms Would Be Relief; Hope To Acquaint Small Operators With Vital General Trends.

By BAUKHAGE  
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When the mysterious Ninth army suddenly rose full-armed on the western front and the First army, beside it, started General Eisenhower's winter offensive there was one question on most people's lips. Will peace come in Europe before spring? In Washington, on the lips of many thoughtful people, there was another question, too: "If it comes (or for that matter when it comes) will we be ready for it?" In one of the many compartments of government which must be prepared for the ordeal of sudden peace, preparations are now going forward which, I believe, are both significant and hopeful.

Specifically, I am thinking of a report made by the director of the budget, Harold Smith, a summary of which was passed along by Senator Murray, chairman of the committee on small business, for the consideration it might bring. The director of the budget believes that information needed by the government and valuable to small business is going to be obtained, while the statisticians who obtain it are at the same time going to cut down on the number of forms which the small businessman will have to fill out.

Filling out forms, especially the income tax blanks, is the subject of considerable jesting these days. But there is a more serious side to the process if we accept form filling-out as a symbol of the growing part which government plays in regulating our personal and business affairs.

That is why this promise coming from the bureau of the budget is significant, especially when it is considered side by side with two trends to which my attention has been called this week and to which too few people have paid sufficient attention.

## Expect Government

## To Take Lead

One is the tabulated result of a poll made by the National Research Center expressly for Factory magazine, a McGraw-Hill publication, and the other is a statement, which I heard recently, it was entirely unimpeachable and surely an expression of his own view, set forth by a British diplomat.

The question which Factory magazine had asked of men earning hourly or piece wages only (no supervisors or foremen) was this:

"Who do you think will do the most to solve the job problem after the war—the government, the labor leaders, or company heads?"

Forty-seven per cent of those interviewed looked to government; 21 per cent looked to company heads; 14 per cent to labor leaders; 15 per cent undecided.

The opinion expressed by the diplomat was this: "After the war we can look toward a United Kingdom where considerable government control is exercised—ownership of railroads, utilities, mines, a sort of socialistic monarchy."

Both these opinions together indicate a trend in the thinking on both sides of the Atlantic along parallel lines. The American government feels that the American government will take the responsibility for employment after the war; the British official feels that the British government will take over several of the nation's important industries.

More "forms to make out." If you will.

Which brings us back to small business. Committee Chairman Murray, and Budget Director Smith, and the promise of more help for business with less forms to make out, and (symbolically) we hope, less actual domination of business by government.

## Small Business

## Measure of Enterprise

I chose this particular example because I believe that the relationship of small business to government is vital. The people who have made the most careful studies of the subject agree that the measure of small business is the measure of the whole system of private enterprise, that if small business is crushed in the process of reconversion, all private enterprise will

eventually be stultified and not only the great semi-public institutions, like the utilities and the mines, will suffer the fate predicted for them in England, but eventually all enterprise will find itself in government hands.

Let me say at this point, however, that some industries have already reached the point where they have forced government operation in other democratic countries and even some very conservative minds in this country are beginning to fear that similar conditions are being created by certain businesses themselves here.

But it is the purpose of those persons in government and out of it, who are struggling with the problem of preserving small business, to give it the aid it needs to preserve its independence.

In order to provide this aid it is essential that some compromises be made on the part of the businessmen. They cannot expect the government to provide them with help they have to have to get them over the hump of reconversion without making certain sacrifices—government officials cannot spend the public money without establishing some checks and balances on the institutions which are thus benefited.

Filling out forms is one of the minor afflictions which government-comforted economic flesh is heir to.

However, it is refreshing to read Mr. Smith's report to Senator Murray in which he tells us of how, according to his custom, he has considered the requests of numerous government agencies for surveys and has turned them down. (His job is to save the people's money by preventing duplicate effort of government agencies.) He announces that statistical services of the government are going to be "revised and overhauled" in order to produce "a rounded program to supply the basic industrial statistics needed not only by the government, but by industry as well."

Most of the failures in little business are due to ignorance on the part of the proprietor of the one thing he ought to know most about—his own business. In the first place, he doesn't know whether he is making money or losing it because he doesn't keep his books properly and he doesn't know enough about the conditions in his line of business, outside his immediate ken, to guide him.

This is the type of information which the government wishes to collect and in turn place at his disposal.

One of the plans already worked out is a census of manufacturers of 1944 covering a wide field of data, which it is not my intention to enumerate here for that is not the purpose of these remarks. The purpose is to note hopefully the fact that here is evidence of a trend which, in some measure, balances the other two mentioned at the beginning of these columns, the trend toward government control.

That is why I quote the following paragraph, not merely for the hope it brings to weary fliers-out of forms, but because it looks like a hopeful sign in an otherwise somewhat cloudy sky:

"An analysis made by one war agency of the need of present informational needs shows that about half such material would still be required by that agency after victory; of the remaining half about two-thirds would be discontinued entirely and about one-third continued by other agencies."

Railroads are now handling about 2½ times the amount of freight traffic and more than four times the volume of passenger business that they did before the war, the Association of American Railroads reported.

"They are carrying," the report added, "virtually double the load of the first World War, and they are doing it with a fourth fewer freight cars, about a fourth fewer passenger-train cars, and a third fewer locomotives than in 1918. The reduction in freight cars alone amounts to about 600,000 units."

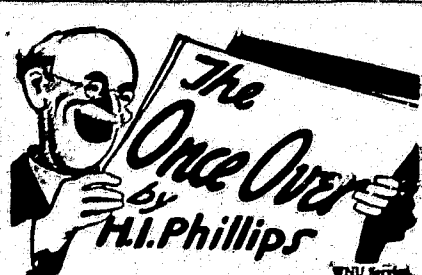
## BRIEFS . . . by Baukhage

A London transportation company is experimenting with a central entrance bus with a pneumatically operated door and central staircase.

Twelve ships a day are now sliding down the ways in this country, according to Rear Adm. Frederick G. Clegg, director of the navy division shore establishments and civilian personnel.

Cubans saw their first snow when boxes of it were down all the way from New Hampshire to Havana last winter.

Sunflowers may surpass the soybean which now brings in a return of \$600,000,000 annually. Sunflower oil sells for 14½ cents a pound and the meal has a 23 per cent protein content.



## THE MAN FROM MARS AND THE AMERICAN RADIO

Ogwofi, the Man from Mars, had spent a week-end in America and was most anxious to return without delay. Nothing could make him stay longer. It seems he had spent the time listening to the radio.

"How do you like America?" we asked.

"As the seat of stomach acidity, bleeding gums, scalp troubles, intestinal difficulties and the like it is terrific," he replied.

"We didn't quite follow him. 'I had no idea the United States was a place mainly concerned with matters of gastric juices,' he continued. 'Yours is a distinctly pharmaceutical land, isn't it?'"

"Pharmaceutical?" we asked. "Yes," said the Man from Mars. "I devoted most of my visit to learning about America from the radio, a most wonderful device, and I never heard so much talk about pills, ointments, lotions, seltzers, capsules, tablets, purges, etcetera, in my life. Your people must really be in a very bad way."

We began to understand now. "One of the chief industries of your country," continued the Man from Mars, "seems to be handling the bad breath and body odor situation, which I take it from the broadcast, are your foremost national problem."

"Now look," we began. "And you take it all in such a jolly mood," he kept on. "So many of the radio references were in song. The handling of B.O., as you call it, in a musical mood is quite original. But doesn't it ever get on your nerves?"

"I suppose that to a person from another planet, totally unfamiliar with our customs, the radio must give a strange impression," we said. "What do Americans do when not taking vitamins?" he asked.

"Oh, that doesn't take up much of their time," we insisted. "But it must," said Ogwofi, the Man from Mars. "I'm a fairly person but I couldn't possibly consider all the vitamins, make the essential selection, take as directed and have a free moment left. And your people's scalps and teeth must be in awful condition."

"Not necessarily," we said. "The air is jammed with urgent lectures on what to do about them," insisted the Man from Mars. "I made a two-hour check. The coast-to-coast discussions of constipation, topped everything else on the air, but the advice on anti-stomach acidity, dry scalp and mouthwashes ran very close. You have my deepest sympathy."

He was reaching for his hat.

"Oh, one thing," he said in the doorway, "what was the name of that beer that wins wars? I want to tell my countrymen about it. We have our disturbances you know. It might come in very handy."

We gave him the name of six beers and three ales.

"And that cigar?" he asked.

"Which cigar?" "The one the announcer says has been giving people peace, contentment, companionship and the feeling of brotherhood for 70 years?"

At that moment we tuned in on the radio inadvertently. A voice demanded, "Are you over 33?"

The Man from Mars zoomed away.

Global Croonery.

"I have not hesitated to travel from court to court like a wandering minstrel. But always with the same song or the same set of songs."—Winston Churchill.

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I deftly tune my lyre To keep us all as brothers, And soothe the Poles and others—And not stir Joseph's ire!

I'm in the minstrel "biz"—I warble hither-thither; So friendships may not wither—But what a job it is!

Frightened Of When critics say, "This play's a 'must,'" I have no yen to get there fast.

Rhineland Version.

Herr Goebbels has announced that German school children must now work in war factories. School days, schooldays, dear old golden rule days, Welding and drilling and sweating, oh!

All for our leader, the so-and-so.

"Wanted: Young man assist in lamp dept; light work. E. B. Latham, 250 Fourth."—Herald Tribune.

It sounds logical.







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### BRYANT POND

Mrs. Inez Whitman, Correspondent

Judith Grover Tent, No 17, D of U met Tuesday evening, November 28th at the home of Mrs. Inez Whitman. Nearly all the officers were present. Eleven members were present. After the business meeting the Patriotic Instructor presented the following program:

Thanksgiving. Alice Wardwell A Grumbling Girl, Kathleen Cox Reasons for Thanksgiving.

Clara Whitman Hurrah for Pumpkin Pie. Edith Whitman Let Us Be Thankful, Verna Swan Content on the names of Presidents won by Alice Wardwell.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served after the meeting. Refreshment committee, Kathleen Cox and Clara Whitman. Mrs. Besse Reynolds and Mrs. Inez Whitman, committee for refreshments for December.

David, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Farnum, who has been very sick with intestinal flu in much improved.

Mrs. Daisy Buck and sons, Ula and Harold, of Milton have moved to their home here which they recently purchased from Clarence Peckham.

Mrs. Grace Briggs, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Julia Johnson and family has returned to her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Gloria Hobbs, who has been ill the past week is better.

Robert McKee, has moved his family to the Jennie Currier house.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Langway have moved to their home on Church Street which they recently purchased from James Farnum.

### HANOVER

Correspondent—Mrs. W. W. Worcester

Ice closed the river here Dec 1. Mrs. Nedra Foster of Framingham, Mass. was a recent visitor at the home of her brothers, Elwood and Ralph Richardson.

C. G. Barker and Andy Barlow went to Lewiston Friday for the body of Jesse Ladd who died in the hospital there. Funeral was held Sunday at the Roberts Funeral parlors. Roy Wm Penner of Bethel was the clergyman.

Loving Hathaway of Medford, Mass. who spent the last week of hunting in this vicinity returned to his home Friday of last week.

The library was opened Friday of last week instead of Thursday on account of the storm.

Elwood Richardson is in the Rumford Community hospital for treatment of an infected leg.

B. J. Russell and several others from this Lodge attended the K P convention at Mexico last Wednesday night.

Mrs. Marjory Cummings went to Bethel Sunday to assist in the Furwell room.

Clement Worcester and Tony Crotona dressed off their pigs Saturday.

Neri Babineau and Will Thomas saved C. G. Barker's wood pile last week.

Several in town have had colds.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Roberts of Dixfield were callers at Mrs. Roberts parents, the R. L. Foster's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Foster were at Hanover Monday.

R. M. Bean has his truck fixed and the snow plow ready for winter.

Mrs. Esther Williamson and son Buster are at Earl Williamson's cottage while he cuts some pulpwood.

Buster Williamson got a fine buck the last day of the season.

Mrs. Besse Reynolds was in Berlin recently to see her mother, who has been in the hospital for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Powers were at the John Nowlins from Fort Devens.

Fred Cox of Rumford has moved his family in the Curtis Winslow place.

Mrs. Ray Cotton of Mechanic Falls is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Richard Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stevens and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carter were in Berlin, N. H. Saturday evening.

Ernest Morrissette has moved into his place here for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Winslow were in Rumford one day last week.

### SONGO POND

Robert Clough of South Paris was in this vicinity the last two days of hunting and called on all his friends and neighbors.

Leon Millett hauled wood for Mrs. Maud Grindle Monday.

Leon Millett expects to work for Arthur Kimball this winter on the snow plow.

Mrs. Merle Stone of So Paris was at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Kimball's one day recently.

Mrs. Maud Grindle and Evelyn spent the week end at Irving Green's, North Waterford.

Mrs. Leon Millett called on Mrs. Mae Grindle one day recently.

Leroy Buck is able to get out and saw a little wood.

Miss Stella Nedau has gone to the St. Louis Hospital, Berlin, N. H. for treatment.

Mrs. Avis Doven of Portland spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Harriette Willet.

Mrs. Margery Westloigh and children of West Bethel was a recent guest of her mother, Mrs. Lois Tibbels.

Mrs. Mrs. John McKenzie Jr. of Norway were guests of relatives in town Sunday.

Mrs. Florence Holden was a guest of Mrs. Jennie Littlehale in Bethel Tuesday.

Mrs. Frances Merrill has returned to her home in South Portland.

James Wight has returned to his home in West Paris.

FRANKLIN GRANGE

Franklin Grange met Saturday evening, December 2, with a large attendance. All officers but one were present. The charter was draped in memory of Ada Briggs.

The Ladies Degree team entered the 3rd and 4th degrees on the following candidates—Mildred Delappa, Louise Merrill and Carolyn Billings. Refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served by the gentlemen. At the next regular meeting on Saturday Dec 16 officers for the coming year will be elected. There will also be a Christmas tree and each member is asked to bring some inexpensive gift to place on the tree.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said bank in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday, January 9th, 1945, at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any business that may legally come before said meeting.

FRED B. MERRILL, Cashier  
Bethel, Maine, November 26, 1944, 53

### STATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named: At a Probate Court held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford on the third Tuesday of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-four from day to day from the third Tuesday of said November. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby Ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of December, A. D. 1944, at 10 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Mary J. Bartlett, late of Greenwood, deceased; Twenty-first trust account for the benefit of Bertha May Davis presented for allowance by Ellery C. Park, Trustee.

Mary J. Bartlett, late of Greenwood, deceased; Petition for the appointment of First Portland National Bank of Portland, Maine, as Trustee to take the place of Ellery C. Park, former Trustee who has filed his resignation as such Trustee, presented by Bertha May Davis, beneficiary under said trust estate.

Annie L. Cole, late of Woodstock, deceased; Will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of Clarence E. Cole as executor of the same to act without bond as expressed in said Will, presented by Clarence E. Cole, the executor therein named.

Harry H. Crockett, late of Woodstock, deceased; Petition for the appointment of Mary P. Crockett as administratrix of the estate of said deceased, without bond, presented by Mary P. Crockett, widow of said deceased.

Mabel Harden Chase of Greenwood, adult ward; Tenth account presented for allowance by Ellery C. Park, guardian.

Witness, Alton A. Lessard Acting Judge of said Court at Paris, this third Tuesday of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-four.

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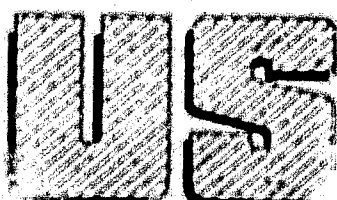
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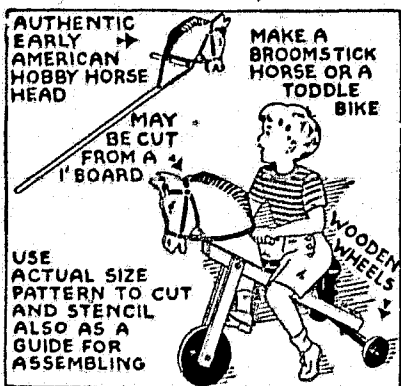






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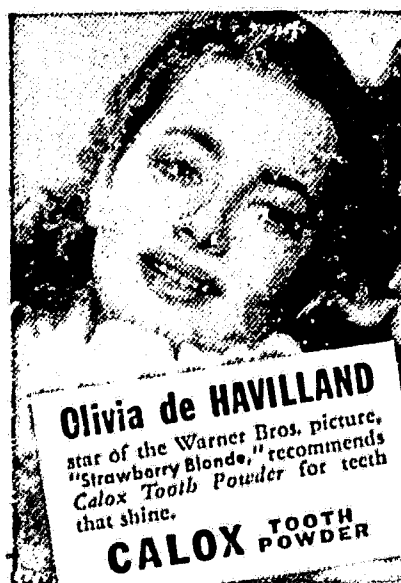
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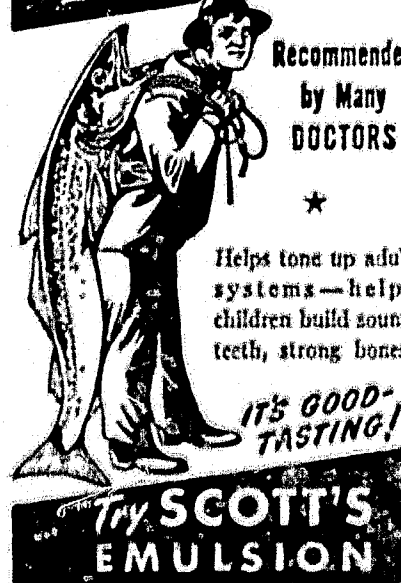


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Informal and Unexcited Officers and Men Carry On Under Heavy Fire

By Ernie Pyle

(Editor's Note: Pyle retells some of his experiences while he was with the GIs during the Tunisian campaign. He is now taking a long-needed rest in New Mexico.

AT THE FRONT LINE IN TUNISIA.—We drove our jeep under a tree, camouflaged it by covering it with limbs, and then walked up the side of a hill for about 500 yards.

Half a mile to the south of us the battle for Ousseltia Pass in central Tunisia was going on.

We stopped in what is known as a forward command post, from

which a battle is directed. This one consisted of a tent 20 feet square, well hidden under a tree.

However, the whole tent had been dropped down and simply lay like a tarpaulin covering the officers' beds and bags.

All the work was being done around two field telephones lying in their leather cases on the ground ten feet from the tent.

The rocky hillside was covered with little bushes and small fir trees. The sun was out and the day was rather warm. There were no papers or desks or anything—just three or four officers standing and sitting on a hillside near two telephones on the ground. One officer had a large map case. That's all the paraphernalia there was for directing the battle.

Our troops were on top of a ridge above us. The enemy was in the valley beyond, and on a parallel ridge a mile farther on. We could walk up and look over, but we couldn't see anything. Both sides were well hidden in the brush.

Every minute or two our nearby artillery would fire, and then half a minute or so later we could hear faintly the explosion of the shells far away.

"Nobody's doing much damage right now," an officer said, "but at least we're getting in ten shots to their one."

Now and then a louder and much nearer blast interrupted us. When I asked what size gun this was, an officer said it wasn't a gun—it was enemy mortar shells exploding. I supposed they were three or four miles away, but he said they were falling only 800 yards from us.

Once in a while we could hear machine gun fire in the distance. A young second lieutenant stood near the phones and did all the talking over them. In fact he appeared to be making all the decisions. And he impressed me as knowing his business remarkably well.

Lieutenant Gives Orders.

The highest officer around was a lieutenant colonel, but he seemed to leave everything to the lieutenant, and at every signal of approaching planes he ran to a nearby foxhole and stayed there till the planes had gone.

The phone rang every few minutes. Other command posts would be calling in to report or to ask instructions. Now and then the chief post, some 15 miles back, would call and ask how things were going.

Officers and enlisted men kept appearing from down below or over the hill asking about things. One sergeant came to inquire where a certain post was, saying he had two jeep tires and a tire for an anti-tank gun that he was supposed to deliver.

Another sergeant, wearing an overcoat, came up the hill, saluted formally, and reported that a certain battery setup was ready to fire. They told him to go ahead.

A phone rang. The captain of an anti-tank battery said the enemy had his range and asked permission to move. He was told to go ahead. All the conversation was informal and unexcited.

A phone rang again. An officer at another command post was asking for a decision on whether to move forward. The young lieutenant, apparently not wishing to give direct orders to a higher officer, solved the problem by putting his words in the form of advice, sprinkling two or three "sirs" in every sentence. I thought he handled it beautifully.

Now and then the lieutenant would phone some other post. All the posts have code terms such as "hat-rack" and "Moose" and "Chicago." I've just made those up as ex-

amples, since naturally I can't print the real code names.

Once the lieutenant phoned to a rear command post and told them to send some trucks to a town where two tanks had been disabled that morning. Several times he phoned other posts to check up on a colonel who was wandering around the battle area in a jeep. You could tell they were very fond of the colonel, and that he apparently paid little attention to danger.

There were no planes in the sky when we arrived, but that morning the Germans had been over and bombed and strafed our troops badly. The command post had called for air support, but somebody at the other end said the planes were busy on other missions and "You'll just have to grin and bear it."

The men around our post spoke cynically about that remark all afternoon.

"Grin and bear it, eh?" they would say. "Well, we'll bear it" but they won't guarantee to grin.

But in the late afternoon our planes did come. First we didn't know they were ours, so we all took to the foxholes. Finally, after they had flown overhead a couple of times without doing anything, somebody yelled: "They are definitely ours!"

So we came out. The planes circled for about ten minutes hunting for the correct spot in the bush-covered mountainside. They seemed to take their time at it, to make sure, and then finally they started piling off one at a time and came diving down at a hillside a mile away.

They'd dive and then wheel back high into the sky and dive again.

Apparently there was no enemy attack, for there were no black puffs around the planes. We could hear their machine guns, and their cannon shells bursting.

They kept on diving and shooting for about 15 minutes. Pretty soon an officer came running up the hill and said:

"Do you see that? Those damned Germans are mixed up and straggling hell out of the Italians!"

When we told him they were our planes he said "Oh!" and went back down the hill.

The afternoon sun went over the hill and the evening chill began to come down. We were sitting on a bushy hillside—just a small bunch of American officers forming what is called a forward command post.

Officers who had been in the battle for Ousseltia Pass all day began yawning in through the brush on foot, to report. They were dirty, and tired. But the day had gone well, and they were cheerful in a quiet and unexpressed way.

Hill Red Cross Truck.

A medical corps major came up the hill and said:

"Those blankety-blanks! They have knocked out two of my ambulances that were trying to get the wounded back. A hell of a lot a red cross means to them!"

Nobody said anything. He went back down the hill, as mad as a hornet.

The officers kept talking about three fellow officers who had been killed during the day, and a fourth one who was missing. One of the lead men apparently had been a special favorite. An officer who had been with him when it happened came up with blood on his clothes.

"We hit the ground together," he said. "But when I got up, he couldn't. It took him right in the head. I felt no pain."

"Raise up that tent and pack his stuff," an officer told an enlisted man.

Another one said: "The hell of it is his wife's due to have a baby any time now."

Just then a sergeant walked up. He had left the post that morning with the officer who was now missing.

"Where's Captain So-and-so?" they all asked.

Sergeant Captured and Escapes

The sergeant said he didn't know. Then he said he himself had been captured.

"Capture?" the officers asked.

"Yes," he said. "The Italians captured me and then turned me loose."

The sergeant was Vernon Gory of South Bend, Ind. He is a married man, and was a lawyer before the war. He is a young and husky fel-

## Kathleen Norris Says:

Merry Christmas to Jim.

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.



"Lillian seemed to be a woman of fine and generous nature and a strong, disciplined character. But she never forgave Jim's mother."

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

JIM CARTER'S mother and wife are planning a wonderful Christmas present for him, but Jim will never suspect what it is when he gets it. It is one of those subtle gifts that those we love can bestow upon us without tissue paper and ribbon accessories, and with only our own hearts to receive and treasure the gift.

Jim is a marine, 30 years old; he has been for more than a year in the south Pacific. Lillian, his wife, is 34; his mother is Martha, the type of strong, good-natured, capable, worshipping mother that so many of our lucky boys have. But from the beginning she didn't like Lillian.

Lillian was a compact, slim, superior, spectacled school teacher when Jim met her; she seemed ages older than the clumsy big farm boy of 20. She taught him in night school; and nobody dreamed that the cultured Miss Lillian would ever look at Jim. When his mother first heard of the affair she begged him to consider; he was so young, this was his first love, Miss Lillian was four years older, she was the cold, unloving, snobbish type! Lillian managed to gather from dear mutual friends that her future mother-in-law held this flattering opinion of her, and she told Jim she'd marry him on condition that he never asked her to see his mother. So they were married, Lillian also stipulating that she never need live in the country, needn't have children too soon, or ever at all if she didn't feel like it, and could continue teaching. To all this the infatuated Jim agreed.

Well, she did teach for one year. Then they moved out to the Carter's "upper farm," four miles from his mother's place. There Sonny was born, and then Floppy, and then Amanda, and then Elsie. Lillian still wears her glasses and keeps her trim figure, but she is the most enthusiastic farm wife and the most devoted mother any fortunate man could desire. When Sonny was three weeks old, she sent Jim over to his mother's place with the baby, and every Sunday since Jim has taken his family to his mother for the heavy two-o'clock meal. Lillian has never said one word against her mother-in-law; in fact, Lillian seems to be a woman of a fine and generous nature and a strong, disciplined character. But she never forgave Jim's mother.

Never until now. It is the mother who writes me, and this is part of her letter.

"About two months ago I had a caller. I was out in the shed, canning tomatoes, when my son's wife came in. She sat down very simply, like any other caller, and we talked. In five minutes my eyes were so full I couldn't see to go on with what I was doing. She told me that she knew from the children that I'd been writing to Jim, sending him cookies and sweaters and clippings from the paper and everything else I could think of, and that of course she'd been doing the same."

"But she said that the real pres-

## THE BEST PRESENT

A far better Christmas present for a man overseas than some trinket, is a letter telling him that something dear to his heart has been accomplished.

Jim, a farm boy, married a school teacher, Lillian, and with never liked Lillian, and with some reason. After their marriage, however, Lillian seemed to change. She became an enthusiastic farm wife, and mother of four children. During the ten years of their married life, however, Jim's mother and Lillian never met. It was only through the sharp impact of war, when they both had to give up Jim to the service, that these two women came to know and love each other.

ent we could make Jim was for us to be friends. She asked if he might come down every few days just to talk with me. I couldn't say anything. But we kissed each other goodby.

"Well, there's no use going over the years I've lost—ten years of friendship, of intimacy with my grandchildren. But we know each other now, and we respect each other, Lillian and I. When I begged her pardon, she begged mine, and we closed that chapter forever.

"So Jim's going to have, as one of his Christmas presents, a letter from me saying that Lillian and the children are coming down to the old farm for Christmas week-end. My three boys are all away, one in the Aleutians, one in Normandy, Jim at Guadalcanal, but the three waves and the seven grandchildren will be with me, and I know what that means will mean to Jim. War and suffering and separation make you think, sometimes, and the sad little things you've been doing look pretty small."

War does make us all think along new lines, Martha, and there is many another woman, because yourself and Lillian, who may well think seriously today of the Christmas present she wants to send a son in the war zone.

Perhaps it may be, as in this case, the news that some day I understand between mother and wife has been ended. Perhaps it may be an announcement that all goes well at home, the trouble that seemed to be threatening Mother and Dad with a divorce has blown over. Perhaps it would warm Johnny's heart to know that Mother has met his girl, and has asked her to Christmas dinner. Perhaps a young husband somewhere would be glad to know that the bills were all paid up, and Margaret and the baby in good health and spirits.

All the presents that go to our boys won't be in boxes. All their Christmas cheer won't be in tangible shape. Isn't there something that you can write in your Christmas letter that will mean more to him than all the cigarettes, candy, books, fruitcake, wrist watches in the world?

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"The children visited their grand-

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Supercosmical  
Joan—Isn't the sky lovely? It's just like a picture this evening.  
Jasper—Yeah, with an all-star cast, too!

Heavy Adversary  
Tim—Look, Daddy, I pulled this cornstalk up all by myself.  
Daddy—My, what a strong boy!  
Tim—Sure. The whole world had hold of the other end.

A man received a notice to move from his landlord. Believing it could not be enforced, he replied: "Dear Sir, I remain, Yours truly."

The Objective  
Joan—Here's a woman writing in for advice on where to take her three daughters for a Christmas vacation. What'll I tell her?  
Jasper—I should think Sulphur Springs would be a good place to make matches.

Good Alibi  
An American air force colonel stationed in England was explaining with satisfaction how he had shot three pheasants on his airfield.

"Good heavens!" exclaimed an English listener. "You can't do that—that's poaching. You'll get fined or jailed for that in England."

The American hesitated a fraction of a second. "Well," he drawled, "I guess I shot them for pecking at my aircraft."

Like Tastes  
An attractive girl and a plain, middle-aged spinster were waiting for a bus.

"Have a cigarette?" asked the girl, opening her case.

"What? Smoke in public?" exclaimed the woman, shocked to her depths. "Why, I'd sooner kiss the first man who came down the street!"

"So would I," retorted the girl. "But have a cigarette while you're waiting!"

Surprise  
"That man," said Smith, "came to this town 20 years ago, bought a wheelbarrow, and began collecting rags. What do you think he's worth today?"

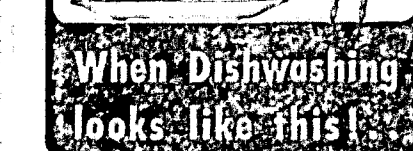
"I couldn't guess," confessed Jones.

"Nothing," said Smith. "And he still owes for the barrow."

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## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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9:45 Church School. Miss Ida Packard and Mrs. Loton Hutchinson, Superintendents.

11:00 Kindergarten Class. Mrs. Orrell H. Anderson and Miss Marjorie Anderson in charge.

11:00 Morning Worship. Sermon Topic, "The Great Quest." Children's Christmas story.

The Pilgrim Fellowship will meet in the Chapel on Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock. A Christmas Program has been planned.

The Guild will meet in the church basement at 6:30 o'clock on Wednesday evening for their regular pot-luck supper. Following the supper a special Christmas program will be held in the Chapel.

Those who did not return their Mission Boxes on last Sunday morning, may do so this Sunday at the regular morning service.

**METHODIST CHURCH**

William Penner, Pastor

9:45 Church School, Miss Minnie Wilson, superintendent.

11:00 Morning Worship Service. 6:30 Youth Fellowship meeting at the home of Bob and Donald Groleau. The program leaders are Laura Wilson and Amy Penner.

The Annual December sale will be held on Thursday the 14th, at 2:30 o'clock at the church.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH**

Services Sunday morning at 10:45.

"God the Preserver of Man" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon that will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 10.

The Golden Text is: "The Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom." (II Timothy 4:18.)

The citations from the Bible include the following passages: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies." (Psalm 103: 2-4.)

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following selections from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "The power of Christian Science and divine Love is omnipotent. It is indeed adequate to unclasp the hold and to destroy disease, sin, and death." (Page 412; 13-15.)

Testimonial meetings second Wednesday of every month.

**BRYANT POND BAPTIST CHURCH**

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Morning Worship 10:30 Sermon: "Carry On," Text, Hebrews 12:1.

Sunday School, 11:45 Young People, 7:00

Evening Service, 7:30 Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening at Mrs. Inez Whitman's.

Bible Club Friday afternoon in the Social Hall.

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## LOCKE MILLS

Adelaide W. Lister, Correspondent

Orlando Jordan had the misfortune to have his car side-swiped on the Portland road last Friday.

When on his way to meet his son Richard. The car was overturned, no one was injured but the car was badly damaged.

The Community Club held a whist party at the Legion Hall Saturday.

The State Guard will hold a dance at the Town Hall Saturday. Refreshments will be served at intermission and the proceeds are to go to the school.

Sidney Bartlett is at Portland now, working at the ship yard.

Archie Lovejoy is at his home for a few days.

Mrs. Hannah J. Coolidge has closed her home and gone to Norway for the winter.

**NORTH WOODSTOCK**

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cole and son Richard, and Mrs. Mary Ann Knights were at Bethel Saturday.

Mr. Cole and son had some dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Taylor visited Sunday with Mrs. Mertie Hardy and family.

C. B. M. Henry McMahon of the Navy started back to California on Sunday to report for duty. He has been spending some time with his wife and mother, Mrs. Isaac Judkins.

Mrs. C. James Knights and children were at Rumford Saturday.

Willard Farwell called to see his father, O. B. Farwell at East Bethel Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cole and Mrs. Lola Foster were at West Paris one afternoon last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cole and daughter Lorraine were at Rumford Friday afternoon.

Sherwood Buck returned back to duty with the Merchant Marines last Tuesday.

Several from this community attended Grange Saturday night.

Mrs. Hattie Brown is visiting her granddaughter, Mrs. Hanne Cushman.

**DIED**

At Mason, Dec. 1, Ell Granger, aged 85 yrs.

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## WEST BETHEL

Paul Grover of Detroit, Mich. and Howard Grover, who is awaiting call in the Merchant Marine were week end guests at their home in Mason.

Little Reginald Westleigh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. Westleigh is able to sit up a little after a long illness of rheumatic fever.

Mrs. Clarence Rolfe, who has been a patient at the Rumford hospital returned home on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Akers of Pittsfield, Maine were guests of his sister, Mrs. Paul Head and family on Monday.

The annual Planning Meeting of the Farm Bureau will be held at the home of Mrs. Adriaan Grover on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 10:30. A pot luck dinner will be served at noon. Mrs. Paul Head is in charge of this meeting.

At the Home and School Club meeting on Friday, Dec. 1, plans were made for the following Christmas tree. The school officers were elected: President, Mrs. Paul Head; Vice President, Mrs. Billings; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Lorimer Schmidt; Executive Committee, Clara Rolfe, Frances Bennett, and Ruby Rolfe.

Pleasant Valley Grange is planning a Christmas tree and entertainment for Sunday afternoon, Dec. 24. This is to be a Community tree and everyone is invited to attend.

**EAST BETHEL**

Miss Ann Newmarker was an over night guest of Miss Shirley Bartlett Tuesday night.

John Irvine left Friday for Boston where he submitted to surgery Monday morning. Mrs. Edith Howe is staying with Mrs. Irvine during his absence.

Mrs. Leslie Noyes has been ill with a gripe cold last week.

Nancy Haines has been ill with a bronchial cold.

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Mrs. Rodney Howe is recovering from a very bad sore throat.

S. B. Newton carried Albert Foster, Chester Harrington and Richard Tyler to Rumford Wednesday to leave for Camp Devens on the morning train.

A going away party for the three boys was given them at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Tyler Friday evening. Fifty people were present.

At the meeting of Alder River Grange Friday evening the attendance was so small, it was voted to postpone election of officers until the next meeting Dec. 15. It was also voted to have a Christmas tree and program with each member bringing a small gift to exchange.

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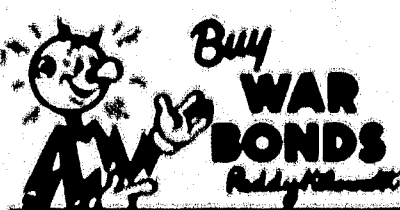


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